Nothing Sinister in Shaw Files

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Clay L. Shaw's 42-page military record reveals that he entered the U.S. Army in 1942, received a back injury during training and was discharged as a major in 1946.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, who has accused Shaw of plotting to kill President John F. Kennedy, lost a bid to obtain the record yesterday when Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. ruled he had not complied with federal regulations in subpenaing the file.

However, a Veteran's Administration attorney yesterday turned over a copy of the record to Shaw's lawyer, Edward F. Wegmann, who made a copy available to the States-Item today.

IN SOME PLACES, probably since it is a copy of a copy, the record is illegible, but the majority of the pages can be read and do not appear to offer any significant information.

The main part of the file concerns Shaw's back injury — a crushed spinal cartilage — suffered when Shaw, a corporal studying for a commission in the Medical Corps, was practicing carrying patients in December 1942 at Camp Pickett, Va.

On April 17, 1943, Shaw reinjured the back when he was practicing hasty entrenchment in the field.

Shaw entered the service Nov. 6, 1942, going into the Medical Corps Officers Candidate School. He was promoted to corporal, transferred to the General Staff Corps and went to Europe.

SERVING IN NORTHERN France, Shaw was awarded a number of citations, including the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit and the Croix de Guerre. He

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left the Army as a major on Jan. 15, 1946.

He immediately became manager of the International Trade Mart at a salary of $583 per month.

The record also shows that Shaw completed the 11th grade of high school and, at the time of his induction, was earning $3,000 a year booking lecture tours.